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Contemporary issues and challenges in the Pacific Islands/Oceania

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6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

Dr. Tarcisius Kabutaulaka is a scholar and teacher who has worked in universities, as well as with governments, inter-governmental organizations, and communities in the Pacific Islands. He comes from the Weather Coast of Guadalcanal in Solomon Islands, and was educated in Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Australia. He received his undergraduate and MA degrees from the University of the South Pacific and a PhD in political science and international relations from the Australian National University. Before moving to Hawai'i he taught history and political science at the University of the South Pacific. In January 2009, he joined the Center for Pacific Island Studies as an associate professor. Prior to that, he was, for six years, a fellow in the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program.

Dr. Kabutaulaka's research interests focus on governance, development, natural resources development, conflicts, post-conflict development, international intervention, peace-making, Australian foreign policies, and political developments in Melanesia in general, and Solomon Islands in particular. He has written extensively on the Solomon Islands civil unrest and the Australian-led regional intervention. He is the co-editor (with Greg Fry) of *Intervention and State-building in the Pacific: the Legitimacy of 'Cooperative Intervention'* (Manchester University Press, 2008). In 2000, following two years of civil unrest in Solomon Islands, Kabutaulaka participated in the peace talks in Townsville, Australia as the chief negotiator for one of the parties in the conflict. Over the years he has worked as a consultant for international and regional organizations and national governments (From http://www.hawaii.edu/cpis/people_12.html).

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